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1. Although the Japan Air Lines Company, Ltd [JAL] has set a target date of 1 Nov 53 to start their international flights, I am quite confident organizational and administrative difficulties are likely to interfere with the initiation of regular service. As of August 1953 they have not yet arranged their inter-line agreements or agency agreements, nor have they each arranged for their ticket stock. I have been informed that a Mr Kojima, Managing Director, who is now in the US [10 Aug 53] has been called back to Japan and that someone else is to be sent over here in an effort to get their organization in shape. After Mr Kojima's departure, and before the arrival of his replacement, a Mr. Matsamura will be in charge of their operations with offices located in San Francisco, California. In my opinion other factors, besides those mentioned above, will further delay any regular international airlines service by JAL, as I am sure they do not have enough equipment, [August 1953] and won't have for some time in the future. It is my understanding that when they do start operations, they will use US pilots on their initial flights and probably US co-pilots, but that eventually they will have dual crews, probably a US aircraft commander with Japanese comprising the balance of the crew.
2. September 26 is reported to be the date set for the general meeting on organizing the new Japan Air Lines to include international operations. The certificate for international operations is reported to have been issued 15 Aug 53. Among those who will participate in the general organization meeting are the following:

- A Fujiyama, present Chairman of the Board of Japan Air Lines, and President of Japan Chamber of Commerce
- K Matano, President, Iino Kiun
- S Murata, Adviser to Osaka Shosen
- S Asao, President, NYK [Nippon Yusen Kaisha]
- K Gogo, President, Japan Aeronautical Association
- H Ichimada, Governor, Bank of Japan
- K Suzuki, President, Teito High Speed Transportation Company
- I Ishikawa, President, Federation of Economic Organizations
- S Seki, President, Kansai Federation of Economic Organizations
- C Kobayashi, Governor Development Bank of Japan
- N Ushijima, Vice-Minister, Transportation Ministry
- M Funayama, Vice Minister, Finance Ministry
- S Iizuka, Vice Minister, Postal Ministry

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